

Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular
515 4th Street South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701
+Diocese of Saint Petersburg



One hallmark of Franciscan spirituality is to extend welcome to all.

On behalf of the Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular,
and the parish family of Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace, we extend this heartfelt invitation:

*No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church.
No matter what your current family or marital situation.
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation.
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color.
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at
Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace.*

In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi:
“May the Lord give you peace.”

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Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am - Tuesday & Thursday 12:10pm

Weekend: Saturday 4:00pm Vigil. Sunday Mass 8:00am & 11:00 am

Holy Days: Please check within the bulletin for Mass times

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00—3:45pm and by appointment

If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to one of our Friars. If you are visiting and interested in registering, please pick up a blue registration form found in the church or visit our Parish Office. Once completed either return it to our Office or drop it in the collection basket.

Membership is required for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Registration is also required before the pastor can issue a certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors.

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance by contacting our Wedding Coordinator via the parish office. Participation in marriage preparation is required by the Diocese of Saint Petersburg.

Parish Staff:

Pastor

Fr. Damian Amantia, TOR

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Larry Uhlman, TOR

In Residence

Fr. James Gigliotti, TOR

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Michael Menchen

Business & Physical Plant Dir.

Antoinette Magnani (ext 206)

Parish Ministry Assistant
(ext 201)

Director of Faith Formation
Lynn Doto (ext 207)

Wedding Coordinator
Alice Coston

Director of Liturgy/Music
Michelle Rego (ext 208)

Physical Plant Custodial Care
Calvin Adams

Parish Office Hours:

9am-3pm Mon—Thurs

Office is Closed Friday
(727) 896-2191

Parish Bulletin:

Articles needed by
Wednesday noon
2 weeks prior to print date.

Parish Website:

www.stmaryolg.org

Parish Email:

info@stmaryolg.org

727-825-0442



Knights of Columbus # 2105
Rick Smith - **727-403-3932**



Parish Ministries:

Altar Servers

Al Hoel

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Alan and Dale Stewart

Holy Communion to the Sick

Fr. Larry Uhlman

Legion of Mary

Peggy Brydebell

Hospitality Ministers/Ushers

John Davis

Ministry to the Deaf

Carol Downing

Music Ministry & Readers

Michelle Rego

Brotherhood of Our Lady men's group

Mark Egeling

Secular Franciscans

Jim Gillis

Companions of Clare women's group

Karen Egeling

Wonderful Wednesday Faith Group

Jen Ehrhart

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Sean Denny

Rosary Mondays

Suzanne Hester

August Corporal Works of Mercy Saint Mary's (Mission Co-op)

Next weekend, Aug. 30-31, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany will share with us their ministry here and abroad through their Saint Elizabeth Mission Society.

The sisters, whose headquarters are in Allegany, NY devote themselves to missionary work in the United States, as well as in South America and Africa, working with the poor and educating both children and adults.

On August 30-31 our second collection will be for the mission of the Sisters, in our annual Mission Co-Op . In this way, we are able to perform a Corporal Act of Mercy by donating to the Saint Elizabeth Mission Society of the Franciscan Sisters, in support of their work world-wide.

We thank you for your gifts to the Sisters!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for your Greatest Adventure?

Have you always desired to be Catholic or do you know someone interested in the Catholic faith? Are you curious about baptism or confirmation or do you want to wonder with others about being a disciple of Christ? Is Jesus calling you to grow in relationship with Him?

Join us for a spiritual journey that includes engaging with the mysteries of the Catholic Faith, reflecting on the Gospel readings as a community and being offered a mentor as you walk this journey. We meet most Sundays at 12:15PM in the Parish Center.

Text (or call) Lynn 727-409-1392
for more
information and to receive a list of meeting dates.



Join the **Merry Makers** at St. Mary's!

Do you love bringing **joy** to others? Come be a part of **Merry Makers** where we plan exciting events to bring our community together in celebration and fellowship!

There are many ways to help: tickets, decorating, food service and other labors of love.



Whether you have a few hours or a lot of heart to give, **we need you** to help make these events unforgettable!

To join or for more information,
text Terry Silva at 727-418-1089

Ignite your Faith: Men's Catholic Scripture Study

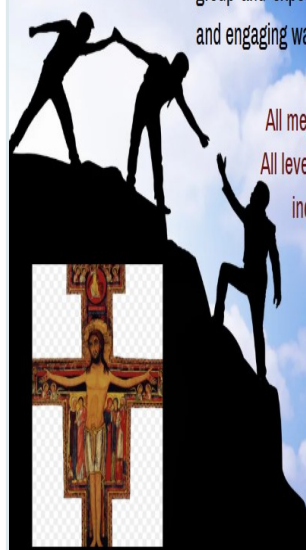
Are you seeking to strengthen your relationship with God through a deeper understanding of scripture? Join our study group and experience the power of the Word in a dynamic and engaging way!

All men college age or older are invited.
All levels of understanding are welcome -
including those new to the faith.

Contact
Kevin at (571) 405-1133

(7:30 - 9:00PM)
Parish Center

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month





Readings for the day can be
located at: www.usccb.org

Sunday 8/24

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am †Joan and †Wayne Harding
by Deacon Michael Menchen

Monday 8/25

8:00 am †Casmir Kowalski
by Casey Kowalski

Tuesday 8/26

12:10 pm †David Derek Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich

Wednesday 8/27

8:00 am †Consetta Kowalski
by Casey Kowalski

Thursday 8/28

12:10 pm †Michael Risoldi
by Fr. Damian Amantia

Friday 8/28

8:00 am Robert Paul Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich

Saturday 8/30

4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 8/31

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am †Emma Bellafante
by Susanna Bellafante



The **Vigil candle** burning
at the statue of
Our Lady of Grace
is in loving honor of
†**Emma Bellafante**
requested by
Susanna Bellafante

The **flowers at**
the statue of
Our Lady of Grace
are in loving
memory of
†**Emma Bellafante**
requested by
Susanna Bellafante



Please remember our **Poor Boxes**. Your donations serve our local community through **Daystar Outreach, Saint Mary's Ministry of Mercy**. Located at both side entrances.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless and comfort our brothers and sisters who are ill. Surround them with your healing presence and give them strength. Amen.

Kimberly Mullick,
Karla McClintock,
James Patrick King,
Kent Gilbertson,
Eddie Connaughton,
Nancy Hogan, Lyric Adams,
Daniel Sharpe, Pat Dillinger,
Teresa Russo, Jewel Barron,
Clarice Carpenter,
Sylvia Gonzales, Theo Rennard,
Rosalind Flynn,
Linda & Kennedy Johnson,
Tom Foote, Erica Swenson,
JoAnn, Mikro & Alaina
Dimovski and Joseph John Cala,
James Kochen.

Please inform the Parish Office of prayer requests as they are updated monthly.

If you would like to remember a loved one or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) by having a 2 week candle burn at the statue of Our Lady of Grace, or by contributing toward the cost of the gifts of bread and wine used during Mass on the weekends, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

A suggested donation of \$20 would be greatly appreciated.

Floral arrangement placed at the statue of Our Lady of Grace, in loving memory or a special occasion, is available through the parish office.

Flowers are \$35 an offering for a bouquet.



NEEDED at ALL MASSES !!!

- ❖ **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**
- ❖ **Altar Servers**
- ❖ **Hospitality Ministers**
- ❖ **Singers/Instrumentalists**

Sign-Up Weekends: September 6/7, 13-14, and 20-21
at ramp door

*Set your own schedule via our scheduling software!
 Training takes place by appointment.*

Saint Mary's premier choir, the **VOICES OF GRACE** is accepting new members!

The choir is open to all interested, there is no audition or experience needed!

There is one requirement, and that is attendance at rehearsals on Thursday evenings in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm

Rehearsals start SEPT. 4! For more information, call Michelle Rego at 727-896-2191 ext. 218!



Saint Mary's is participating in the diocesan-wide effort to study and perform the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy in the 2025 WORKS of MERCY challenge.

We have examined the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy in the last two issues of the bulletin, and in the chart to the left, you can see some of the efforts we have made as a parish to perform works of mercy for others.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit those in prison, bury the dead.

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

Teach others about God and the faith, counsel the doubtful, encourage reconciliation with God and others, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, pray for the living and the dead.

You can participate in this effort on your own, or with others in a small group, or alongside your fellow parishioners at any time. Use the chart to the left as a way to get started, Call the parish office and ask for Lynn or Michelle to find more ways to participate.

Also, plan on supporting the Franciscan Sisters of Allegheny in our annual Mission Co-Op weekend August 30 and 31., an excellent way to perform a work of mercy!

USF Welcome Mass – Sunday at 11 AM

We're thrilled to welcome students and families from the

University of South Florida!

If you're attending this Mass, please take a moment to greet our guests and help them feel the warmth and hospitality of our parish community.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Lord, Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings. We pray for the Holy Spirit to transform our parish into a lifelong faith-based community where we generously share our God-given gifts as a true act of faith, reflecting our love for you and our neighbors. We pray through Christ, our Lord.
Amen



Are YOU a parish member? If not, please register! All you have to do is fill out a blue registration form (found at the church doors and in the parish office) or fill out the form online at <https://stmaryolg.org/parishioners>. Registration is necessary to keep our parish rolls current, and assists you in securing sacramental and pastoral services.

When you register, you can sign up for various ministries around the parish. You can also choose to receive contribution envelopes, or simply opt to do your stewardship online. Other convenient ways to give:

Use the **QR code** below or **text MARYOLG to 91999**. No matter which way you choose, we **NEED** your support, whether you are a registered parishioner or a visitor! **And we THANK YOU for your generosity!**

